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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

BARBER *et al.*

Application No.: 10/067,956

Filed: February 5, 2002

For: SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE  
RIBOZYME LIBRARIES

Examiner: Mary M. Schmidt

Art Unit: 1635

RESPONSE TO SECOND RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the Office Action mailed on May 21, 2003, applicants provide the following response and a Petition for a one-month extension of time in which to submit this Response.

Applicants elect Group II, claims 25-50, 65 and 71-100, drawn to methods of selecting a ribozyme in a population of cells containing a ribozyme library or methods of identifying a modulator of a biological process.

Examiner Schmidt is reminded that two other related applications are pending. Both are undergoing substantive examination at this time. They are

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09/357,741, being handled by yourself, and 09/355,221, which is being handled by  
Examiner Cynthia Wilder in Group 1637.

The elected claims include those claims copied from U.S. Pat. No.  
6,183,959.

Respectfully submitted,



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